Grace Episcopal Church

Daily Bible Reading - Read the Bible in a Year

Reflection Class: **Sunday, December 14, 2014**; 9:10 am - 9:40 am, Grace Parish Hall Thoughts, Reflections, Insights, Questions of readings to date: Day 341 - Day 347

**Prayer:** O Lord, during this season, guide and direct us with your holy word. May we have the joy of Christmas as much as you had when you thought of Jesus for the first time. Bless us in this blessed season. In the name of him, Emmanuel. Amen

## Readings:

12/7/2014 | Day 341 | **Philemon** 1 - 25

Paul is a prisoner of Christ Jesus; when I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ...; I am sending Onesimus back to you that is my own heart; keep a room open for me.

12/8/2014 | Day 342 | Hebrews 1:1 - 3:19

God has spoke through Jesus; Jesus is higher than the angels; Pay attention; suffering; Moses; Christ; Unbelief

12/9/2014 | Day 343 | Hebrews 4:1 - 6:20

Be faithful to God; Jesus is our great high priest; he was appointed by God; there is hope in Christ Jesus through the works of the Church; blessings of Abraham are ours, also.

12/10/2014 | Day 344 | Hebrews 7:1 - 9:28

Melchizedek, levitical priesthood - inadequate because it was temporary; Jesus is our great high priest; old vs new ministry; old and new covenant.

12/11/2014 | Day 345 | Hebrews 10:1 - 11:40

Christ's sacrifice once for all; persevere; keep the faith; Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen; Abel - Enoch - Noah examples; Abe's faith; Mo's faith; people of Israel at the Red Sea; Rahab, Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, women, those tortured - mocking - flogging - stoned to death, by sword ... these are commended for their faith.

12/12/2014 | Day 346 | Hebrews 12:1 - 13:25

Example of Jesus; we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses; don't reject God's Grace; let mutual love continue; pray for us; Timothy is free and will come for a visit.

12/13/2014 | Day 347 | **James** 1:1 - 2:26

Written after the Temple was destroyed; James?; When you face trials - consider it joy for faith produces endurance; rich and poor; trial and temptation; be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; don't be partial to anyone (angels in disguise); faith without works is dead.

## Prayer